

TO THE

FLEET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

By the Medical Officer of Health, for the Year 1906.

Estimated Population of District 2,021 (Census 1901).

Reputed present Population 2,800.

FLEET,

February 26th, 1907.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the pleasure to submit to you my third Annual Report on the Health of the District for the year 1906, and allied matters, together with the schedules required by the Local Government Board and other Authorities.

This Report is to a large extent based on the Register of Births and Deaths, the Registrar of this District has failed to supply this information until February 24th, instead of at the beginning of the year, in consequence of this delay, this Report and the various schedules have been prepared rather hurriedly in order to get them published within the time specified for their dispatch.

The health of the District during this past year has been extremely good and the amount of illness comparatively small.

The Death Rate is 12 per 1000.

The Birth Rate is 24·2 per 1000, in 1904 it was 19 per 1000, in 1905 23·2 per 1000.

Infantile mortality shews 44 per 1000, this is an extremely low rate as compared with large communities, where 100 or even 125 is often returned.

Particular attention is directed to the small number of infectious cases—only four have been notified in the District during the whole year, one of these may be excluded, as not occurring in the District, it was sent here in error of diagnosis from a long distance, so that three cases of mild scarlet fever represents the whole of the zymotic diseases—in all these cases energetic measures were adopted to prevent the spread of infection, followed by this most satisfactory result. Adjoining Districts have reminded us, from time to time, of the agreement we have made for Internotification, but beyond these four cases there were none to notify. Great progress has been made in the sanitation of the District, improved methods of Sewage Disposal have been largely adopted; the nature of our subsoil (sand and gravel) is especially suitable to sub-irrigation drainage and this method is strongly recommended. The improvement of the back roads and the surface water drainage, not only add to the comfort, but also to the health of the District.

The water supply is chiefly from the Frimley and Farnborough Company, in view of the increased sub-irrigation drainage it is advised that in the more thickly populated localities that this means of supply be adopted and the wells should be closed.

Several samples of water from the wells have been analysed, and where the water was condemned a new supply has been established generally, from the Frimley and Farnborough Company.

Previous complaints of overcrowding at the Schools have been met by the School Managers in providing satisfactory accommodation.

During the year inspections have been made periodically of Factories, Dairies, Bake Houses, Cow Sheds and Workshops, but no cause of complaint has been revealed.

The Sanitary condition of the whole District is kept under close observation, its small area makes this quite possible.

Appended is the Report of the Sanitary Inspector.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

HENRY WILCOX,

Medical Officer of Health.

FLEET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

H. WILCOX, ESQ.,
Medical Officer of Health,
Fleet.

DEAR SIR,

I beg to submit my Report as Sanitary Inspector for the year 1906.

The District has continued free from nuisances of a serious nature probably owing to its more or less residential and scattered character.

Bye-laws with respect to Nuisances have been adopted, and were sanctioned by the Local Government Board on the 2nd January, 1907.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS' ACT.

The Register shews there to be four Factories and 31 Workshops, of which inspection has been made from time to time. The trades represented are dressmaking, tailoring, baking, plumbing and fitting, carriage building, harness making, boot repairing, cycle fitting, joinery, printing, sausage making, rag sorting, smiths and masons' works; there are, also, a Laundry, Whiteley Exerciser Works, Sawmill.

DAIRIES, MILKSHOPS AND COWSHEDS ORDER.

There are two farms within the District, but at neither of them is milk produced for sale. There are two milkshops and one cowshed and two purveyors of milk are registered whose premises are without the District.

A summary of complaints and nuisances dealt with is given below :—

- 4 cases of defective drainage.
- 3 of alleged soakage of sewage matter.
- 1 of manure being spilled on the roadway.
- 1 of the discharge of the waste liquid on to the road.
- 8 complaints of offensive smells arising from various causes.
- 3 complaints of nuisances arising from keeping of animals.
- 3 complaints of overcrowding.
- 3 insanitary outbuildings have been repaired.
- 6 suspicious well waters have been analysed and new supplies provided in two cases, whilst samples of water have been submitted to analysis in every case in which it is proposed to supply a new house with well water, and the samples approved before issuing certificates of occupation.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Three cases of Scarlet Fever and one of Typhoid Fever have been notified. Disinfectants have been supplied and the premises disinfected at the end of the illness.

Yours obediently,

H. J. CHIVERS,

Sanitary Inspector.

